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HARMONY: SLEEPING BEAUTY'S STORY, PART ONE OF TWO

DEDICATED WITH LOVE:
TO THE MEMORY OF MY BEAUTIFUL AND TALENTED SISTER, JESSE

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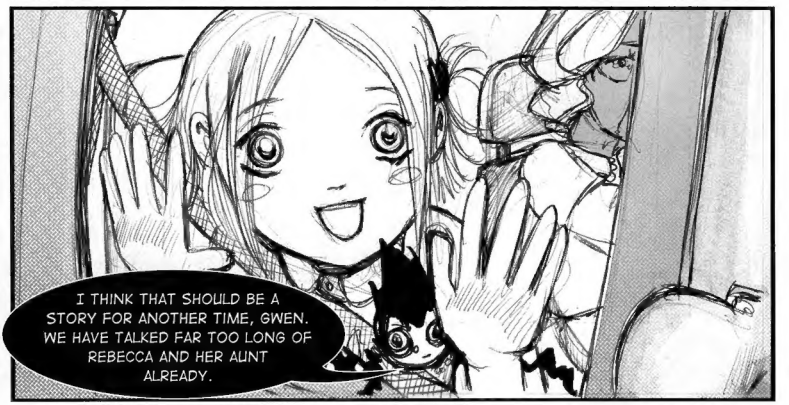
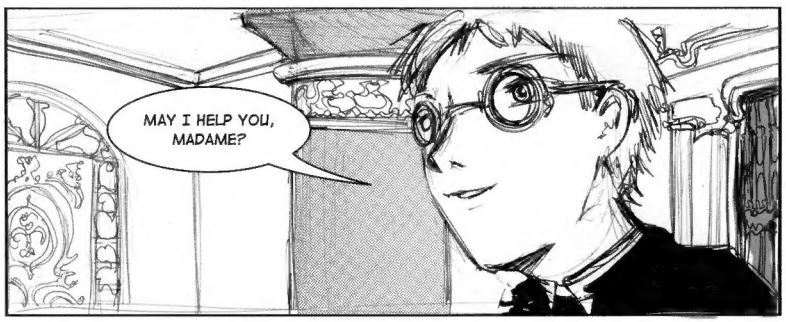
...AND AFTER ENTOMBING MADAME LALAURIE, THE SPIRITS OF HER VICTIMS WERE RELEASED AND FINALLY AT PEACE.
REBECCA KNEW HER AUNT WAS STILL ALIVE WHEN THEY PUT HER IN THE TOMB?

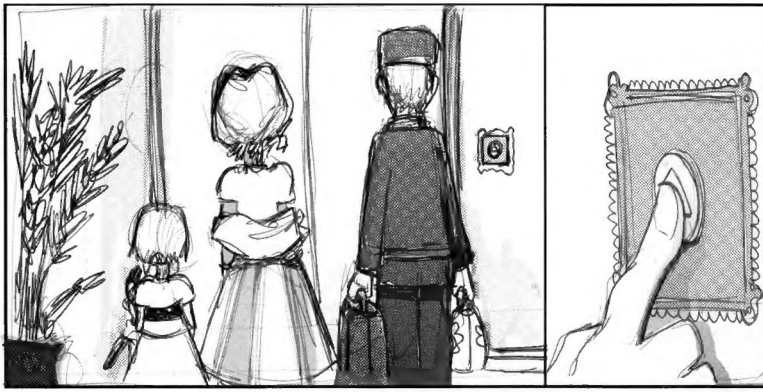
CERTAINLY, AND SHE DESERVED IT. MADAME LALAURIE WAS AN APPALLING WOMAN.
WHAT HAPPENED TO REBECCA AFTER THE FUNERAL? WHERE DID SHE GO, BACK TO 1140 RUE ROYALE?

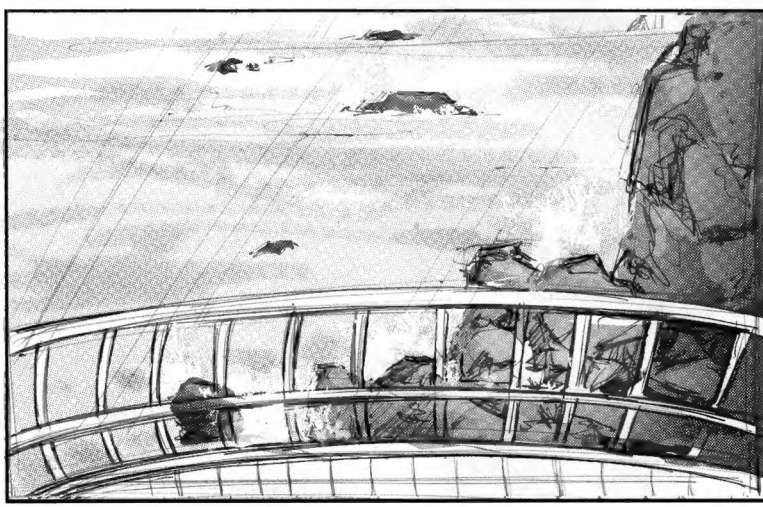

I THINK THAT SHOULD BE A STORY FOR ANOTHER TIME, GWEN. WE HAVE TALKED FAR TOO LONG OF REBECCA AND HER AUNT ALREADY.

LOOK, GWEN! WE'RE ALMOST THERE.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE IT, SWEETIE.

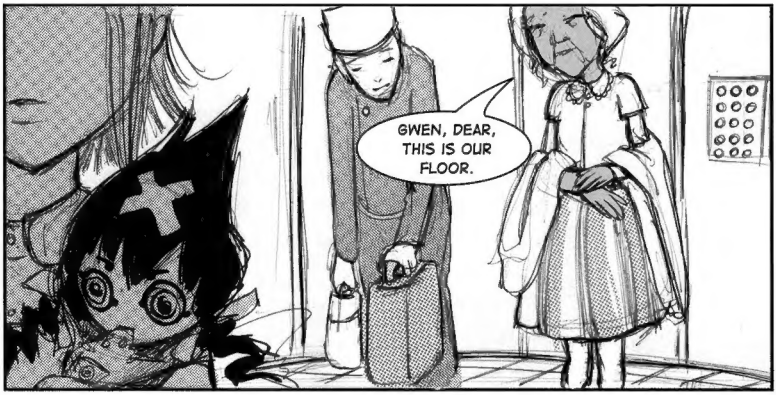

MAY I HELP YOU, MADAME?

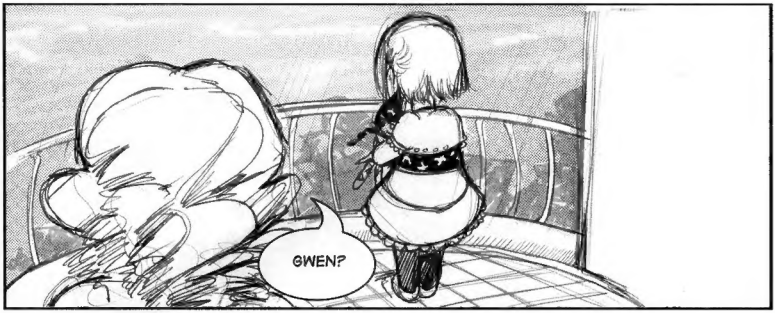
YOU MAY. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS UNDER BEATRICE WOODS.
YES, OF COURSE.
I WILL HAVE SOMEONE SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM AND HELP YOU WITH YOUR BAGS. WILL YOU BE REQUIRING ANYTHING ELSE, MS. WOODS?
THAT WILL BE ALL, THANK YOU.
THIS WAY TO THE ELEVATOR, LADIES...

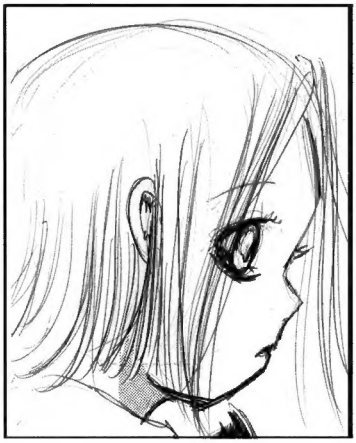




WHAT A SPECTACULAR VIEW.
IT'S BREATHTAKING.


GWEN, DEAR, THIS IS OUR FLOOR.


GWEN?

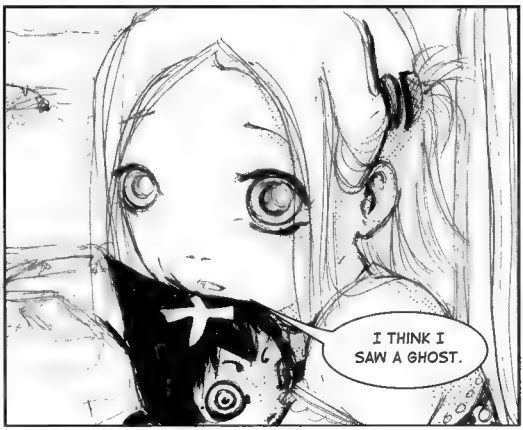


SWEETHEART, THERE IS A LOVELY VIEW FROM OUR ROOM AS WELL. PLEASE COME ALONG.
HERE YOU GO, LADIES. PLEASE RING THE FRONT DESK IF YOU NEED ANYTHING AT ALL.
THANK YOU, YOUNG MAN. HAVE A NICE EVENING.

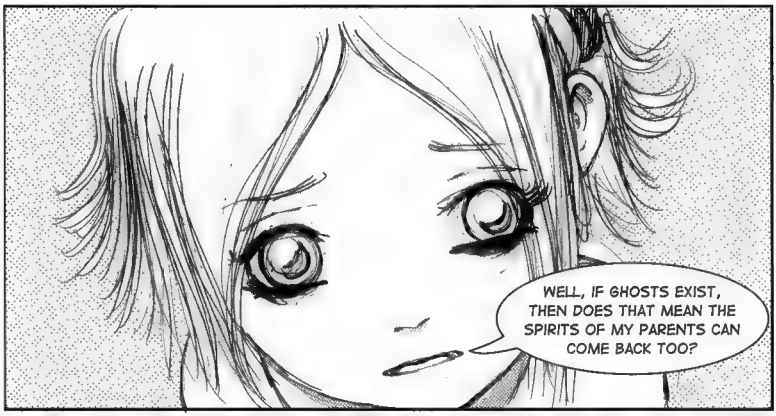
GOODNIGHT, LADIES! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

ARE YOU HUNGRY, DEAR? SHOULD I CALL TO HAVE A LITTLE SOMETHING SENT UP TO OUR ROOM?

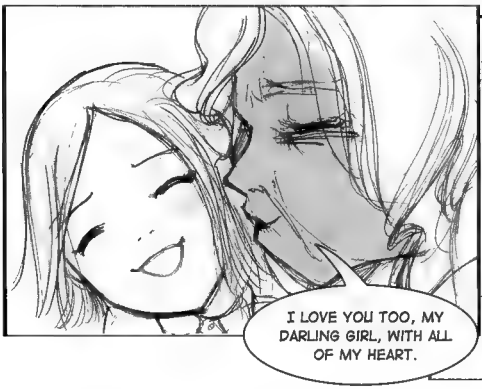
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG, GWEN?

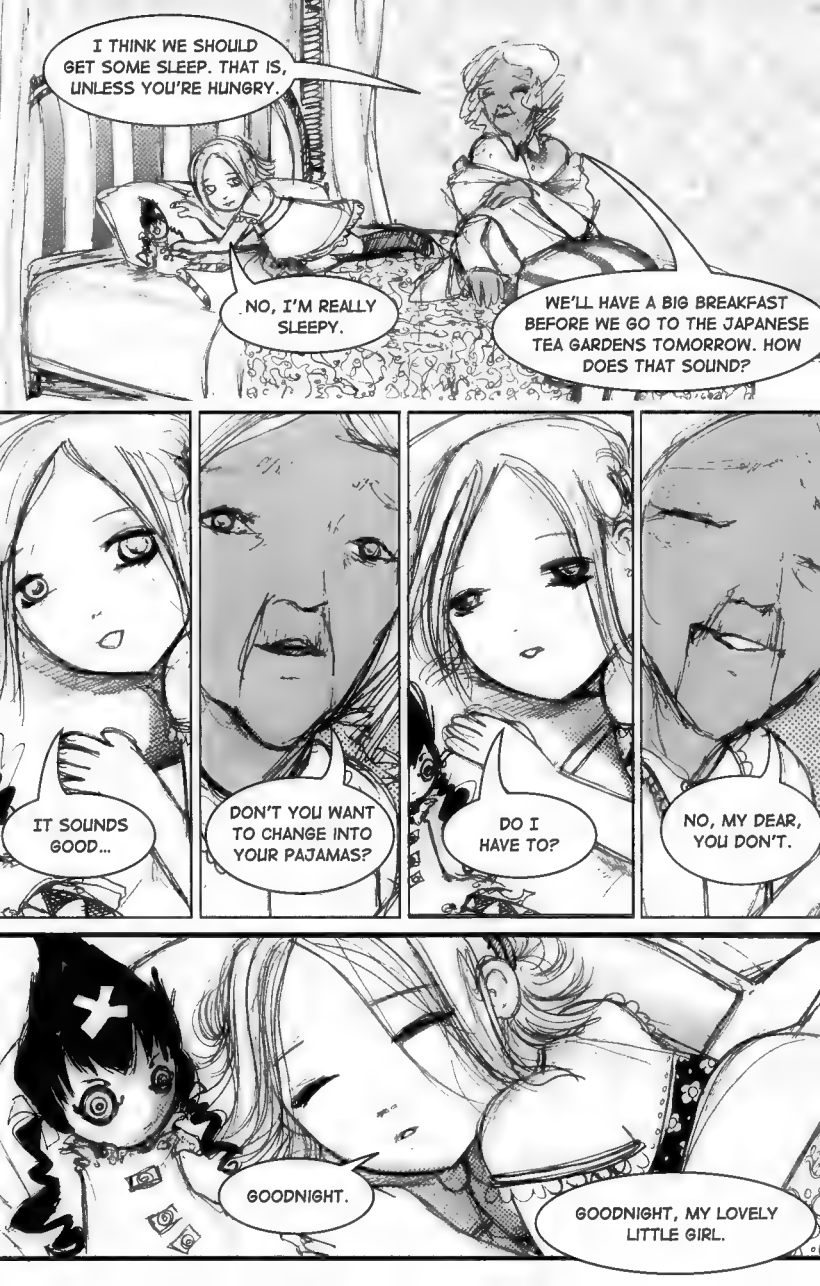

I THINK I SAW A GHOST.

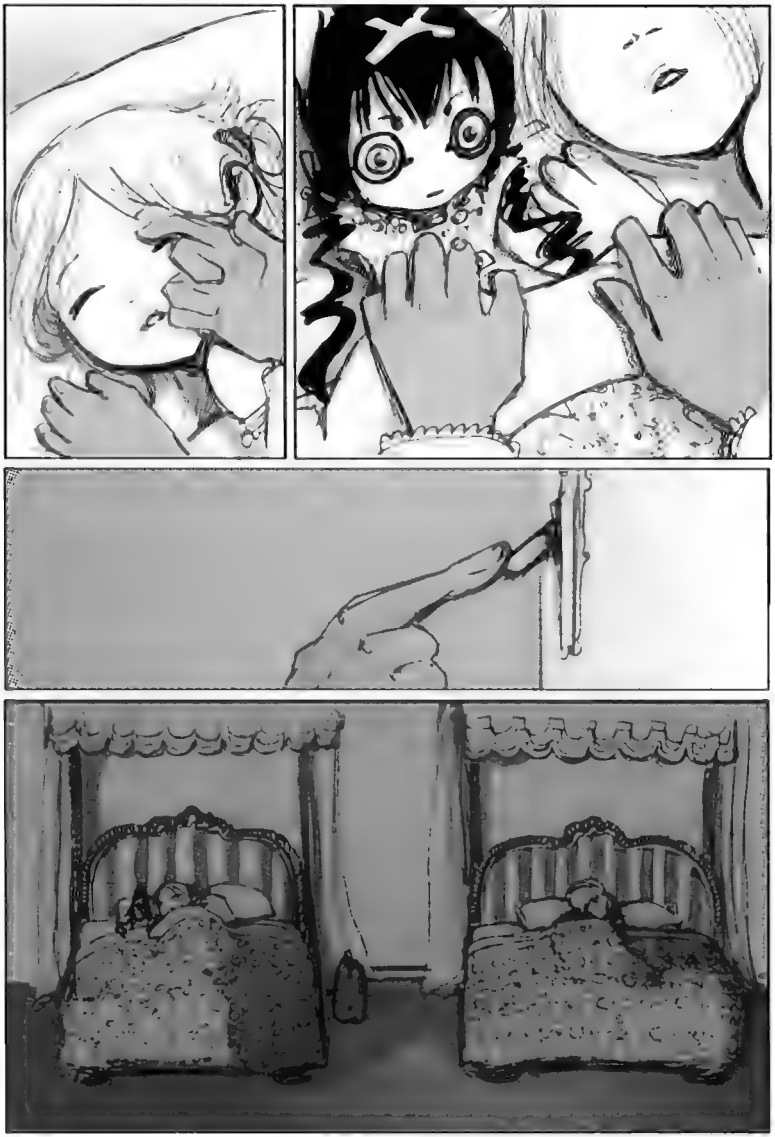
NO WONDER YOU SEEM SO DISTRACTED. COME SIT DOWN AND TALK WITH ME ABOUT IT.
ARE YOU AFRAID, MY DEAR?
NO. WELL, MAYBE...
DID THE SPIRIT LOOK FRIGHTENING OR DANGEROUS?
NO, SHE WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL AND PEACEFUL. SHE LOOKED HAPPY.
THEN WHAT HAS YOU SO WORRIED?


WELL, IF GHOSTS EXIST, THEN DOES THAT MEAN THE SPIRITS OF MY PARENTS CAN COME BACK TOO?

NO MY DARLING, NO, NEVER! YOUR PARENTS WILL NEVER HURT YOU AGAIN; I'VE MADE SURE OF THAT.
THANK YOU, AUNT BEATRICE. I LOVE YOU.

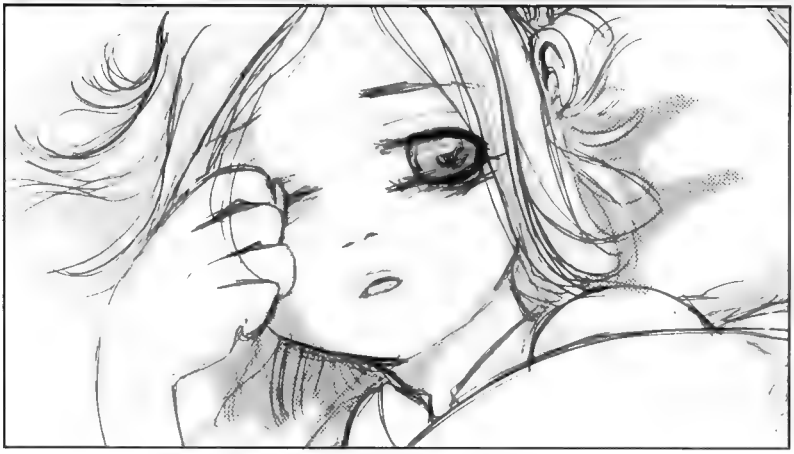

I LOVE YOU TOO, MY DARLING GIRL, WITH ALL OF MY HEART.


I THINK WE SHOULD GET SOME SLEEP. THAT IS, UNLESS YOU'RE HUNGRY.
NO, I'M REALLY SLEEPY.
WE'LL HAVE A BIG BREAKFAST BEFORE WE GO TO THE JAPANESE TEA GARDENS TOMORROW. HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
IT SOUNDS GOOD...
DON'T YOU WANT TO CHANGE INTO YOUR PAJAMAS?
DO I HAVE TO?
NO, MY DEAR, YOU DON'T.
GOODNIGHT.
GOODNIGHT, MY LOVELY LITTLE GIRL.



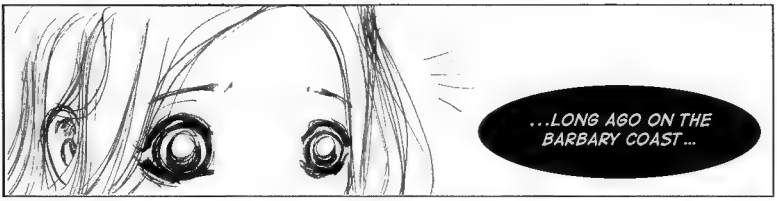
LATER THAT EVENING...

LET'S LIVE OUT OF OUR SUITCASES
UNTIL ALL THE CONTENTS ARE LOST...

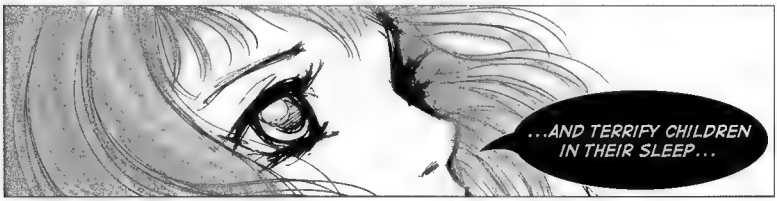


...AND WHEN ALL THAT WE OWN IS GONE...
...WE'LL MAKE OUR CLOTHES OF STICKS AND SHELLS...
...THAT WE FIND ALONG THE BARBARY COAST...

...AND WHEN WE ARE NO LONGER SPEAKING, THINKING OR DREAMING...
...WE WILL DANCE WITH THE GHOSTS OF WHALES THAT HAVE BEACHED THEMSELVES LONG AGO...

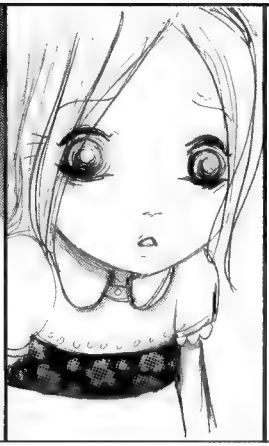

...LONG AGO ON THE BARBARY COAST...

...WE'LL BALANCE ON BEDPOSTS...


...AND TERRIFY CHILDREN IN THEIR SLEEP...

...FADE INTO THE WOODWORK...

...AND BE THE REASON...



...THEY NEED TO KEEP...

...A LIGHT ON...

...IN THE HALL...

...THAT WE FIND ALONG...
...THE BARBARY COAST.
WHOA!!!

GAAAAH...
...AUGGHN...

AAAIIIEEEE!!!!!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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PART TWO OF "HARMONY: SLEEPING BEAUTY'S STORY."
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HELLO LOVELIES!

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL EMAILS AND LETTERS LETTING US KNOW YOU ENJOYED 1140 RUE ROYALE. WORKING ON THAT STORYLINE WITH CRAB WAS A REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE. NOW THAT WE ARE BACK TO THE FAIRY TALES, LET ME JUST SAY HOW DELIGHTED I AM TO BE BACK WITH GWEN, AUNT BEA AND ANNABELLE. I AM ENCHANTED BY CAMILLA'S ILLUSTRATIONS AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT SHE DOES WITH THE CONCLUSION OF SLEEPING BEAUTY'S STORY AND THE OTHER ISSUES WE HAVE PLANNED. I KNOW THEY WILL BE BEAUTIFUL. AFTER SLEEPING BEAUTY, WE WILL BE DOING A TWO-PART MERMAID STORY INSPIRED BY LOVECRAFT, WITH A SINISTER SIDESHOW TWIST. THEN I WILL BE WRITING A VERY GRUESOME STORY ABOUT BLUEBEARD, ALSO TO BE TOLD IN TWO PARTS. SO THERE YOU HAVE IT! I HOPE YOU KEEP COMING BACK FOR MORE, BECAUSE WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE ISSUES WE HAVE PLANNED.

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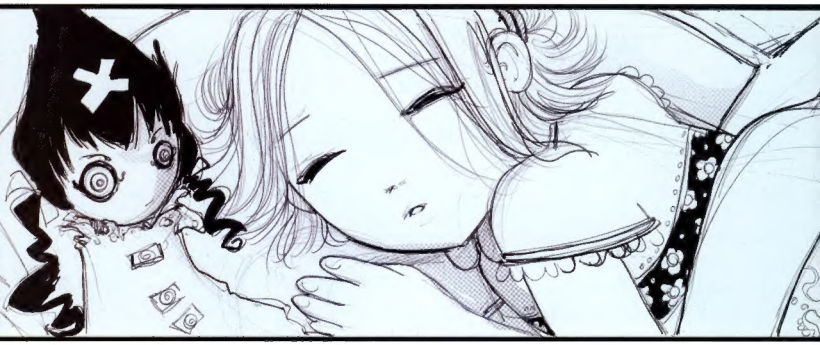

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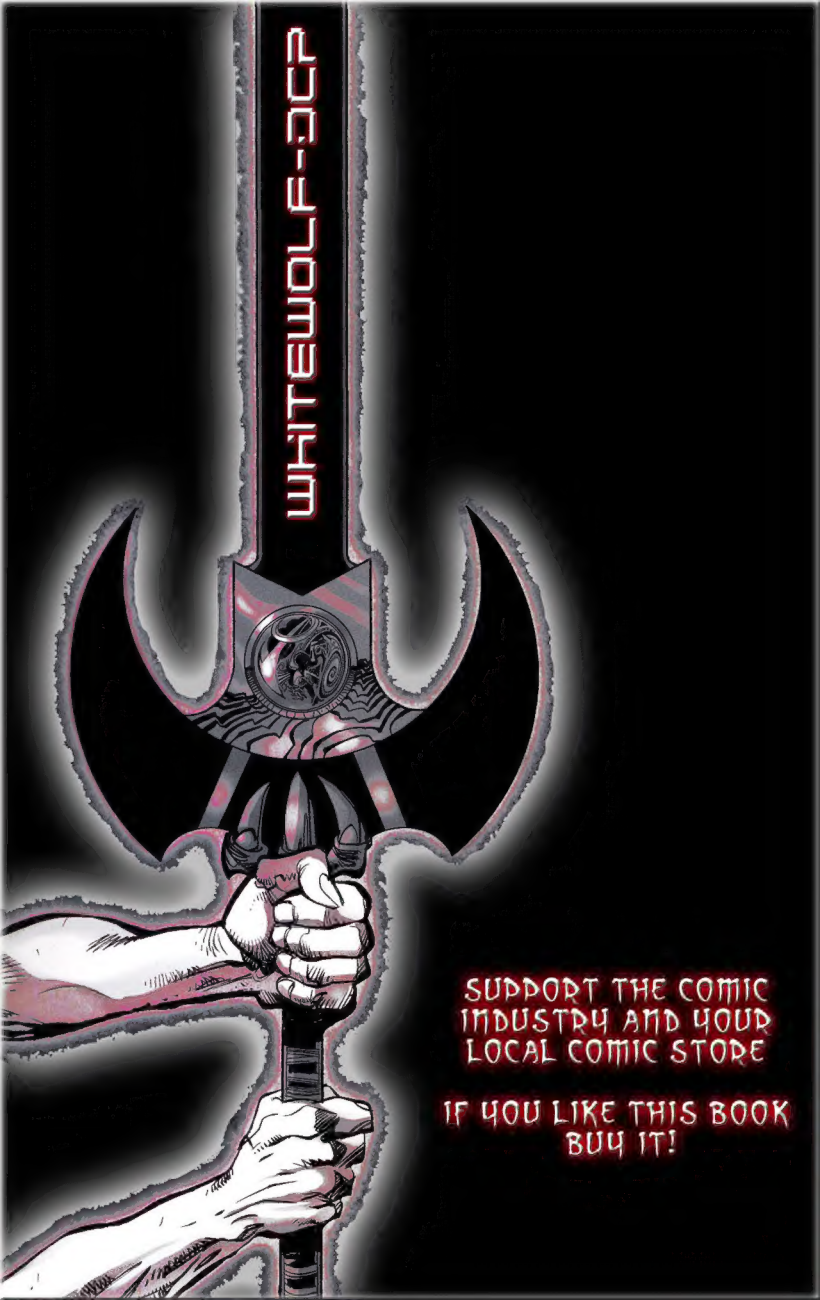
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